

# Global Food Security in the 21st Century — the increasing need for food production, cropland areas, and

agricultural water

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- Worldwide demand for food will require more than one billion hectares of new cropland to feed 9 billion plus people by 2050
- Presently, of all the water used by humans over 70% goes towards agriculture to produce food in most countries
- Remote-sensing from space will provide crucial data for policy development affecting croplands and their water use
- Social scientists recognize global food security as a primary requirement for human advancement, overall health, and peaceful coexistence.

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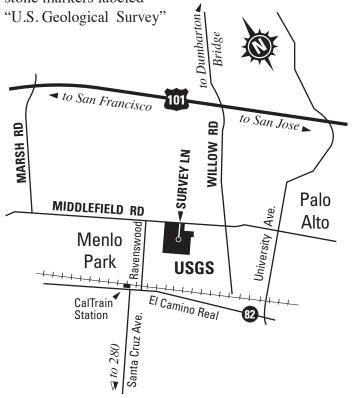
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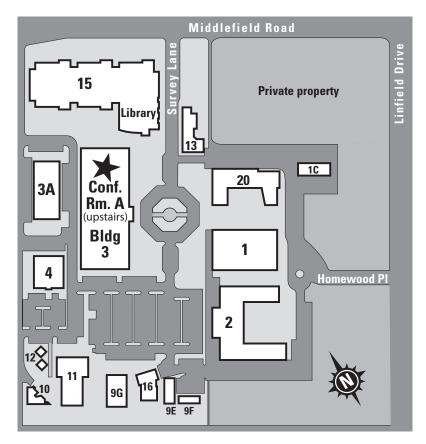
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- •Go west to the T-junction with Middlefield Rd.
- •Turn left (south)

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